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Jerry:

A quick note to catch Frank before he leaves re your questions on the number and names of this year's disappearances.

We left it with three names that were not clarified between the list of the Assembly and the longer list of all those we reported in the course of the year. The three names and the explanation I can offer is as follows:

Torrante: This was a case reported to us but apparently to no one else. I think he probably disappeared.

Bestani: The human rights groups believe this was an ordinary criminal disappearance.

Lamberto: This case was reported during June as being unverified. It was never brought to the attention of the human rights organizations.

We are dealing with such small numbers of disappeared that methodology becomes important. Thus my reference to our comment on this subject in an earlier cable. Torrante is a hard case to decide. I suppose, on reflection, if given a second chance I would add him to any list of disappeared we present to the GOA...but it is a close call.

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